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King County Dentist suspended until unsanitary conditions cleaned up

OLYMPIA — Non-compliance with sterilization and infection control requirements has led state health officials to indefinitely suspend the license of dentist **Kin Cheong So** (DE00005103)

In December of 2014, the Dental Quality Assurance Commission charged So with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended his license due to charges that he didn't provide adequate protective barriers, consistently complete spore testing, or properly maintain cleaning solutions. His insurance contract was also terminated due to non-compliance with infection control guidelines.

Since that suspension, So has agreed to an indefinite suspension of his license until he passes an infection control inspection and hires a third party cleaning service for his dental office.

The documents in this case can be seen online by clicking "Look up a health care provider" on the <u>Department of Health website</u>. Copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That number can also be used to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Dental Quality Assurance Commission protects public health and safety and promotes the welfare of the state by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers under its authority. The <u>Department of Health website</u> (www.doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, <u>find us on Facebook</u> and <u>follow us on Twitter</u>.